

Shuttle

Student Worksheet ...

- How fast is the Shuttle? How fast could it go from New York to Chicago?
- The Shuttle often delivers supplies to people living in space. What is the name of that outpost in space where these people are living?
- Two shuttles and their crews have been lost in tragic accidents. Space travel is very risky. Why do you think people are willing to be pioneers, and take chances like today's astronauts? (There's no right or wrong answer to this question. Just your own opinion.)

Something else to think about...

After the loss of the Space Shuttle Columbia and its crew on February 1, 2003 (and the loss of Challenger in 1986), it might have been easy to turn our backs on space exploration because it is too hard or too risky. Instead, we decided to double our efforts to improve safety, and to continue to send people into space.